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(54) Title: USE OF OXALATE DEFICIENT *ASPERGILLUS NIGER* STRAINS FOR PRODUCING A POLYPEPTIDE

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to oxalate deficient *A. niger* strains for the production of a given enzyme, wherein the oxalate deficient strain produces at least the same amount of enzyme as the wild type strain it originates from under the same culture conditions. Preferably, the oxalate deficient *A. niger* strain produces more enzyme than the wild type strain it originates from under the same culture conditions. More preferably, the oxalate deficient *A. niger* strain is such that when the strain has been transformed with an expression construct comprising a gene coding for an enzyme, said strain produces at least the amount of the enzyme the wild type strain it originates from would produce under the same culture conditions, when the wild type strain has also been transformed with the same expression construct as the oxalate deficient strain. The invention also relates to method for obtaining such oxalate deficient *A. niger* strain. The present invention further relates to method for producing an enzyme, wherein an oxalate deficient *A. niger* strain that produces at least the same amount of enzyme as the wild type strain it originates from under the same culture conditions is used.

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